

## 2. Summary of Public Review Process

### 2.1 Notice of Completion and Draft EIR Distribution

The EIR process of the Concord to Sacramento Pipeline Project began with publication of a Notice of Preparation by the CSLC, mailed on February 1, 2002. The Draft EIR was released for public review on June 12, 2003, and consisted of approximately 600 pages with appendices, including a detailed analysis of impacts in 13 environmental disciplines. A summary of public involvement opportunities during the CEQA process is presented below. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, the comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses to the comments are provided in Section 3 of this Final EIR.

### 2.2 Public Hearing

In June 2003, a Notice of Release of the Draft EIR was sent to property owners and occupants on or adjacent to SFPP's proposed route. The Notice summarized the conclusions of the Draft EIR and included information on how to access the Draft EIR. It also presented the date, time, and location of the public hearing on the Draft EIR.

#### Public Hearing

Following the release of the Draft EIR, there was a 45-day public review period that extended until July 28, 2003. One Public Hearing was held on July 16, 2003, at the Fairfield Community Center in Fairfield. At this hearing, the public was given the opportunity to ask questions about the EIR and its contents and present oral and/or written testimony on the Draft EIR and its contents. The CSLC's decision-making process was also explained at the Public Hearing.

#### EIR Information and Repository Sites

Placing CEQA documents in "repository" sites can be an effective way of providing ongoing information about the project to a large number of people. Therefore, six repository sites in the Proposed Project area were established, and documents are also available at the CSLC in Sacramento. EIR-related documents including the Draft and Final EIR have been made available upon their release to the public at the locations listed below.

Benicia Public Library  
150 E. L Street  
Benicia, CA 94510-3281  
(707) 746-4343

Fairfield-Suisun Community Library  
1150 Kentucky Street  
Fairfield, CA 94533-5799  
(707) 421-6500

A. F. Turner Branch Library  
1212 Merkley Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691-2792  
(916) 375-6465

Concord Library  
2900 Salvio Street  
Concord, CA 94519-2597  
(925) 646-5455

Suisun City Library  
333 Sunset, Suite 280  
Suisun City, CA 94585-2048  
(707) 421-6937

CSLC Central Files  
100 Howe Street, Suite 100 South  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
(916) 574-1900

## **Public Review Period**

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines, the CSLC provided a public review period of 45 days for the Draft EIR. The CSLC allowed written comments on the Draft EIR to be submitted by mail, at the Public Hearing, via facsimile transmission, and in person to the CSLC Central Files office in Sacramento.

The comments received by the CSLC during the public review period and at the Public Hearing are reproduced in this Final EIR along with responses to comments.